THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS'

MILLENNIAL STAR.

"*For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble; and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up, as calves of the stall.*"—MALACHI 4: 1-2.

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PERPETUATION OF THE CHURCH.

IN references to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints the headquarters of which are in this city, frequently made by the advocates of the so-called "Reorganized" church, the expression is used "That portion of the Church which went west." It is made the basis for arguments and inferences which are altogether erroneous and misleading. It is for that reason that we now make allusion to it.

When the first President of the Church and the Patriarch were martyred at the hands of a masked mob, and the Church found itself without that highest council or quorum called the First Presidency, the Twelve Apostles, who as a council or quorum, according to the revelation on the subject held authority and power equal to the First Presidency, became of necessity and in conformity to the revelation the presiding quorum of the Church. There was no dissolution of the body. There was no rupture or disorganization of any of the other councils or quorums or associations of the Church. It remained complete and intact.

Under the direction of the presiding authority appointed and sustained by the entire Church in all the world, the affairs of the Church were conducted as before the death of the Prophet Joseph. Nothing was permitted to stop. The missions abroad were continued. The labors at home, on the Temple and otherwise, were carried on according to the plans already received. A few apostates severed from the body scattered in various places. They had nothing further to do with the Church which God had set up "for the last days and for the last time."

When the Saints were driven from Nauvoo the exiles moved westward, halting at Winter Quarters for a season until a home could be found for them in the Rocky Mountains, the place predicted for them by the Prophet Joseph Smith who, before his decease, selected a company to explore this region for the purpose of obtaining an asylum for the Saints. "The portion of the Church that moved west" consisted, then, of but one hundred and forty-seven persons. Could it be truthfully said that they were the whole of the Church that followed Brigham Young and his fellow Apostles? Certainly not.

Subsequently, the Saints located on the Missouri river proceeded to the spot foretold by Joseph Smith and selected by Brigham Young, as the place for the founding of a city and the building of a Temple to the Most High. Then followed, from year to year, thousands of the members of the Church in foreign lands who, as foretold by the Prophets Isaiah and Micah, exclaimed, "Come ye and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob, and he will teach us of his ways and we will walk in his paths." Zion had gone "up into the high mountain," but the Church was still in various nations and countries.

"That portion of the Church which went west," then, whatever its numbers, great or small, must not be considered as the whole body which upheld and sustained President Brigham Young and his counselors as the First Presidency of the Church in all the world. It should be understood that they were accepted in that position by the entire Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in every land where the latter-day Gospel had been obeyed and branches of the Church were organized. It was not a fragment or a faction that did so, but the Church itself. The idea attempted to be conveyed by the disciples of the so-called "Reorganization," that all of the Church that continued in the original organization were merely those that went out of Nauvoo and found their way to these mountain vales, is fallacious and absurd.

As noted in these columns a few weeks ago, an epistle was sent abroad in December, 1847, by the Twelve Apostles, signed by Brigham Young as President, who had been thus designated by revelation (see Doc. and Cov., Sec. 124, p. 127). It was addressed to the whole Church, which still existed in various parts of the United States, in the British Isles, in Canada, in the islands of the Pacific, and wherever the Gospel had been sent under the direction of the Prophet Joseph. The Church presided over by Brigham Young and his counselors was the same, in all its home and foreign organizations, as that which had been presided over by Joseph Smith and his counselors during his life time.

The assumption, then, that a small band composed chiefly of persons who had seceded or been excommunicated from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, could meet and "reorganize" a Church that had never been disorganized, but that had continued without interruption, or cessation, or change, except that occasioned by the death of two of its most prominent officials, is something ludicrous and almost beyond belief. Yet it is a fact that such a movement was made, and its chief promoters attempt to belittle the grand organization set up by commandment of God

April 6th, 1830, by referring to it as "The portion of the Church that moved west under Brigham Young."

Let it be not forgotten, in the consideration of this subject, that the moving of a portion of the Church to the great West, and the establishment of Stakes of Zion in these valleys, did not affect the integrity of the great body, any more than the movements of the Saints from Kirkland to Missouri and from Missouri to Illinois. The splended organization, for every emergency to which it might be subjected the Lord had provided, by appointing councils or quorums having equal authority when necessary to succeed each other in the government of the Church, moved on, fulfilling the object of its creation, unimpeded by the slaughter of its leaders or the defection of any of its members, having power within itself to rectify every wrong, to expel everything inimical to its life and health, and endowed from on high with the power of perpetuation, according to the decree of Almighty God that it should never perish, or pass away, or be left to another people. It was designed to overcome every opposing power beneath the eternal heavens, and it will fulfill its divine destiny.—*Des. News.*

IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT YOUNG.

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Dr. James E. Talmage then delivered the principal address of the day. It fitted the occasion charmingly. It was a big day, and the speech was a big speech. It presented the most brilliant side of the doctor's mind, and after he was through he received a flood of congratulations.

"In the great uncounted family of men," he began, "there are some who stand in distinct relief, prominent against the background of the masses.

"The world's history is very largely a biography of these few captains in the human army; natural leaders of their fellows: pilots on the ocean of truth. Some of them excel in deeds of personal heroism, others in the aristocracy of noble deeds, in the arduous service of their fellowmen; and others take degrees of honor after painful research or exhaustive study, leading to a better, purer, more perfect knowledge. In this school some are warriors, some poets, some prophets, but none can get through by trickery or favor. To hold his place there, he must be great indeed. There is a kinship among men who are truly great. To this circle belongs the man whom we honor to-day."

When Brigham Young was a young man a Book of Mormon fell into his hands and after reading it he came to the conviction that it was true. This led him to investigate the faith of the Mormons, and he was convinced that they were honest and good. Like the firm, fearless man that he was he joined their ranks. The moment he and the Prophet Joseph Smith met they were fast friends, they understood each other. At the time that the very existence of the Church was threatened he stood by the side of the Prophet and never wavered in the support he gave him. He became an Apostle, then the chief of the Apostles. When the Prophet was martyred he stepped forth as the leader of the people. A Moses was needed. A prophet, a law giver and a warrior, and Brigham Young was that man.

He could give counsel of vital moment to the Church and turn to protest against imposing on a poor beast of burden.

Brigham Young possessed a marvelous amount of personal magnetism. Few came to him, friend or foe, who did not either fear or revere him. His roar was like that of the lion when his people were beset by their enemies. He held his people together by a power men did not know. It was a power that was absolute. The rule of his life was to lead. He said come, follow me, and they followed him.

The pioneers did not come to Utah to experiment. The outcome was already assured in their leader's mind. It required the passion of religious fervor to conquer the desert. Brigham Young's genius manifested itself on Pioneer day 1857, when the people were assembled to celebrate the close of the first decade in the valleys. While the exercises were in progress the first authentic word came that an army was on its way to Utah. The leader stood up and spoke a mighty protest, saying that the army should not come to enjoy the spoils of their labor, and when it entered the valley it would find everything in ashes, a greater waste than the pioneers found it. It took the bravest of the brave to speak those words, declared Dr. Talmage. "Brigham Young said to the army of the United States, halt! and it halted. Rebellion you call it? No; history has vindicated the justice of President Young's course."

The latter was great not only in the hour of danger, but he was great as a promoter of education. As a commercial leader he was practically without a peer. "When one places his eyes too close to the paper he can't read the words. And when you stand too close to the time in which a great man has lived you can't read the sentences of his deeds. Brigham Young served his day and has gone to his reward, beyond all that the earth could give. He needs no marble monument to commemorate his memory—he lives in the hearts of his people."

Miss Lottie Owen then won laurels for herself in the rendition of "Love is Tyrant," from "The Singing Girl." She received an enthusiastic encore.

Judge R. N. Baskin was then introduced and was received with uproarious applause. What he said was of vital interest to the people assembled, and was listened to by them with the utmost satisfaction. He said in part:

"I can say with the utmost sincerity that it gives me pleasure to be present on this memorable occasion. The fact that I have been asked to make a speech is the best evidence that conditions have changed, and I think for the better. If we go back twenty-five years ago we find wormwood in the mouths of both sides. But that wormwood has been taken out, and now we meet each other as brothers.

"There is one principle of the Mormon faith that I heartily believe, and that is that the constitution of the United States is an inspired document"

Returning to the conditions that now exist, Judge Baskin said, "I have little patience with those men in this community who appeal to the prejudices of the past. Let us turn from that dark scene and look to the future. It is only the few among men whose memories are perpetuated in marble. Although I differed from Brigham Young in some of his policies,

as you all know, I think he possessed qualities that no other man ever had. It was his power over men and his great common sense. He was not great in classical learning, but another thing in his character that struck me was that there was nothing of the blusto or braggadocio in him. He brought his people together from all nations, and I believe it will result in springing up in this country the strongest race of men on earth. If 'Mormonism' has the elements of perpetuity in it, it will survive all opposition and commend itself more than it does to-day. If it stands the test it will come out brighter because of the opposition. In conclusion, I will express the hope that the bitterness of the past is gone. I have no patience with any man who attempts to disturb present conditions. There is a great future ahead for Utah, and all of her citizens should work together for the common good."

Adelbert Beesley played a zylophone solo, followed by an address by Apostle Heber J. Grant. The latter eulogised President Young, and told how easy and confident a child felt in his presence, and related many of his own experiences with the former. He towered above all men, yet he was surrounded by wonderfully strong men. No truer friend to anybody who was honest and tried to do right ever lived than Brigham Young. He gathered men around him and inspired them to be virtuous and honorable.

Sid Clawson and George Margetts convulsed the audience with a comic duet. The Union Glee Club sang, "When the Swallows Homeward Fly," the orchestra played a selection, and after the Temple choir sang the anthem, "Mighty Jehovah," the benediction was pronounced by Prof. Joshua H. Paul.

The audience diffused itself over the pavilion and partook of dinner. It is estimated that 7,000 people visited the resort during the day.

NEWS OF THE GREAT WEST.

(*Condensed from our Utah Exchanges.*)

THE outlook for a heavy beet crop in Utah this year is extremely gratifying.

DURING the month of May the mines of Utah paid a total of $189,500 in dividends.

THE erection of a sugar factory in Alberta, Canada, is among the probabilities of the near future.

GOVERNOR HEBER M. WELLS of Utah, was married on the 5th inst., to Miss Emily Katz, of Salt Lake City.

THE oil fields of Eastern Utah are just now attracting considerable attention, and men of means are said to be becoming interested.

A shipment of one million pounds of wool has just been made from Fort Steele, Wyoming. This is a record breaker for that section.

THE numerous pleasure resorts in and about Salt Lake City, were thrown open to the public on Decoration Day, May 30th. All were well patronized.

ELDER E. H. NYE, who for the past four-and-a-half years has presided over the California Mission, has returned to his home in Ogden, having been honorably released.

ELDER JOSHUA R. HODSON of Provo, who recently filled an honorable mission in Great Britain, was married to Miss Ina Gee on the 5th inst., the ceremony taking place in the Salt Lake Temple.

THE five-year-old daughter of Mrs. Christina Arnold, proprietress of a laundry at Murray, Salt Lake Co., fell into a tub of boiling water on the 4th inst., and was so badly scalded that she died after several hours of extreme agony.

J. C. EISENBERG, an Ogden merchant, fell thirty feet to his death on the morning of the 31st ult. He was oiling a windmill in his yard when he was seized with an attack of dizziness, with the result stated. Mr. Eisenberg was 57 years of age.

THE sixth general conference of the Mutual Improvement Associations, was held in Salt Lake City on the 2nd inst. The reports presented were very gratifying indeed, showing a steady increase in enrollment and attendance, and a spirit of progress and advancement in all the 1,057 organizations represented.

ALMA O. TAYLOR, son of President Joseph E. Taylor, was the winner in the Y. M. M. I. A. oratorical contest. As a result, he was presented with the Boyd Park silver cup. In point of excellence Rulon M. Owen was adjudged second, David H. Elton third, Harrison E. Jenkins fourth, and Don. C. Clayton fifth.

CONFLICTING salt interests have been having interesting times in the vicinity of Davis County, Utah, the past few weeks. The parties to the controversy are the Inland Crystal Salt Company and the owners of the Syracuse Salt Works, and the cause of the trouble is said to have been an attempt by the former to trespass upon the rights of the latter.

THE following State officials for Utah have been appointed by Governor Heber M. Wells: Engineer—A. F. Doremus of Salt Lake City; salary, $2,000 per annum. Statistician—Charles De Moisy of Provo; salary $1,500 per annum. Fish and Game Commissioner—John Sharp of Salt Lake City; salary, $1,000 per annum. Bank Examiner—Walter J. Beattie of Salt Lake City; salary, $1,200 per annum.

THE Brigham Young Academy at Provo, Utah, completed its twenty-fifth academic year, May 31st. Degrees were conferred upon a number of graduates, and a splendid program was rendered, the numbers being interspersed with addresses by President Lorenzo Snow, Dr. J. M. Tanner, Sister Minnie J. Snow, President Joseph F. Smith and Apostles George Teasdale and Reed Smoot. The report of Acting President Brimhall showed the Academy to be in a flourishing condition.

UTAH students continue to forge to the front in outside colleges and universities. The latest to score success are Nathan T. Porter, late candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, on the Democratic ticket, and Benjamin L. Rich, son of President Ben. E. Rich, of the Souther States Mission. Mr. Porter won a scholarship and a place on the debating team of the graduate school of the Chicago University, while Mr. Rich was awarded second prize in a debate on the Cuban policy, delivered before a large audience in Washington, D. C. He is a student at the Columbia Law School.

THE Big Horn Stake of Zion, embracing the new "Mormon" colony in northern Wyoming, has been organized. Byron Sessions is president, and Jesse W. Crosby and Charles A. Welch, his counselors. The other officers are: Jedediah M. Grant, Stake Clerk; George H. Crosby, Patriarch; Samuel R. Wilcock, Superintendent of Sunday Schools; Lucy Grant, President of the Relief Society; John Hinckley, President of the Y. M. M. I. A.; Mary Welch, President of the Y. L. M. I. A.; Claudia Ketchum, President of the Primary Association. The organization was effected by Apostle Abraham O. Woodruff.

THE following constitute Dr. Margaret C. Roberts' Relief Societies' graduating class of nurses for the year just closed: Salt Lake City—Miss May Barker, Miss Minnie Barker, Miss Fannie Woolley, Miss Agnes Buchanan, Miss Sarah Smith, Miss Edith Rutherford, Miss Rose Chandler, Miss Eliza Perry, Miss Jean Hyde, Miss Rebecca Evans, Miss Eva Gardner, Miss Euphie Morris, Miss Annie Gustaveson, Miss Edith Howell, Miss Clara Nelson, Miss Louisa Willie, Miss Julia Webb, Miss Inez Nelson, Miss Rose McPherson, Miss Cecelia Giauque, Miss Emma Biefer, Mrs. Rosetta Doolan, Mrs. Alice Solomon. Hunter—Miss Latilla Wilding. Nephi—Miss Kate A. Grover. Farmers'—Mrs. Maria L. Liddle. Oneida, Ida.—Mrs. Latilla Winward. Davis Co.—Miss Alberta Rockwood.

DOINGS IN LIVERPOOL.—What with one demonstration and another, the people of Liverpool have been kept pretty wide awake the past week or so. On Saturday last the children's parade, calling loudly for temperance reform, was a sight which in itself was inspiring to behold. Thousands of the little folks kept time to the strains of melody which floated out upon the air, and marched through the principal streets, holding banners aloft bearing sentiments suitable to the occasion. It was a day of days for the youngsters, but in the midst of their enjoyment, and the enjoyment of proud papas and mammas who had lined the streets to witness their ambitious offspring, the rain came on and the exercises, now proceeding outside St. George's Hall, were brought to a sudden and rather abrupt termination.

Seemingly not to be outdone by the children, the Liverpool Volunteer Service company chose Sunday as the day upon which to commemorate their safe return from South Africa. Preceding the thanksgiving service in St. George's Hall, the men, patriotically attired, marched through the streets to the music of several brass bands, and came to a halt at the appointed meeting place, to witness an impressive service, and listen to a well chosen address by the Bishop of Liverpool.

On Monday evening the Liverpool cyclists turned out en masse, making a most brilliant display and telling plea in behalf of the various hospitals. The carnival was indeed a gorgeous spectacle, and all who witnessed it were profuse in their endowment of praise and admiration. Over thirty cycling clubs were represented, besides numerous civic and military organizations. Costumes to suit the occasion had been lavishly supplied, and no pains nor expense seemed to have been spared in making the carnival a successful affair from every standpoint.

THE longer I live, the more highly I have come to value the gift of eloquence. Indeed, I am not sure that it is not the single gift most to be coveted by man. It is hard, perhaps impossible, to define, as poetry is impossible to define. To be a perfect and consummate orator is to possess the highest faculty given to man. He must be a great artist, and more. He must be a great actor, and more. He must be a master of the great things that interest mankind. What he says ought to have as permanent a place in literature as the highest poetry. He must be able to play at will on the mighty organ, his audience, of which human souls are the keys. He must have knowledge, wit, wisdom, fancy, imagination, courage, nobleness, sincerity, grace, a heart of fire. He must himself respond to every emotion as an Æolian harp to the breeze.—GEORGE F. HOAR in *Scribner's Magazine.*

LET us not forget the injunctions given to us in regard to humility. Do not think that humility is opposed to greatness. On the contrary, no man ever became truly great who was not humble. For a man to be great there must be originality about him; he must be above the common, and the difference between him and the common must be something that is beneficial to men.—APOSTLE ANTHON H. LUND.

THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS' MILLENNIAL STAR.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 1901.

"MORMONISM" *VS.* "CHRISTIANITY."

A POTENT feature of the faith of the Latter-day Saints is their implicit belief in the teachings of our Savior, and their persistent testimony that outside of an obedience to these teachings, there is no salvation in the Celestial kingdom of our Heavenly Father. Our Savior while here upon the earth, endeavored to impress this fact upon those with whom he came in contact, and His words are the embodiment of such a principle. Listen to Him in His sermon on the mount, and He tells you that the wise man is he who accepts His teachings, while the foolish man is he who rejects them, preceding this with that well known declaration, "Not every one that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of the Father which is in heaven." The Savior well knew that in a day to come there should arise those who would endeavor to gainsay the necessity of this obedience, hence the pointedness of His assertion. He realized that there would come a time when men and women would "heap to themselves teachers having itching ears, who would turn away from the truth and be turned unto fables;" and it was this knowledge which led Him to raise a warning voice, and to put the people on their guard for the false prophets which should arise in the latter days.

While there is a great deal of religion in the world at the present time, the preaching of the Gospel of Christ is hardly to be found. How many sects and denominations are there throughout Christendom to-day, that declare from their pulpits the crying necessity for a strict obedience to the laws and requirements of the Gospel? Very few. And yet they profess to be disciples of the Lord Jesus. They have a form of Godliness, 'tis true, but they deny the power thereof, in that the very principles which the Savior impressed upon His disciples were necessary unto salvation, these principles they declare to have been done away, although on what authority they are discarded, very few will even attempt to explain.

It is such teachings as these that have led so many into disbelief. Agnosticism is rampant in the land for no other reason. Infidelity towers high in pride, due to the same cause. People who would make of the Gospel a practical religion such as it was primitively, find their efforts decried by pious religionists, until they have become so vexed in their endeavors to reach and embrace divine truths, that they have concluded to hold aloof entirely, preferring this to being held up in derision by those who, knowing so much, should have been the first to have given them the benefit of their enlightenment.

Not a great while ago the writer, with several others, was holding a meeting on a street corner in Glasgow, when he was accosted by a reverend gentleman who, after listening for a few moments, inquired to what denomination the preacher and his associates belonged. On being informed that they were representatives of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, he began to explain that if they would preach the Gospel they would be able to draw large audiences, as he was able to, remarking that such things as the speaker was talking upon (faith, repentance and baptism), were not the teachings of Christianity. "Not of orthodoxy!" I admitted, whereupon the gentleman muttered, "They're nothing," turned upon his heel and walked off.

This is only one case in thousands in the experience of "Mormon" missionaries from time to time. Not infrequently they come in contact with professed ministers of the Gospel who invariably attack their doctrines and declare, as did the reverend divine noted above, that such teachings as the first principles of the Gospel are not what is wanted in this enlightened age of the world's history. What! The principles that were taught by our beloved Savior and His Apostles not needed in this age of boasted wisdom and intellectuality? Have the teachings of Christ become subordinate to the teachings of humankind? Breathe inaudibly in the affirmative, if you will, but in justice to others, O learned people, let it not be heard by those who have placed their all upon the altar of obedience to His requirements. Allow yourselves to be deluded into such a theory, but please, for the sake of suffering humanity, don't teach it to others. Do you remember the plea made by Peter to his brethren, when they grew angry with him for carrying the Gospel to the house of Cornelius? "What was I that I could withstand God?" he inquired. Who are you who dare to withstand God by supplanting the Gospel of His Son with the man-made opinions and dogmas of the present day? Answer if you can, and then, before condemning the religion of the Latter-day Saints, and classing its adherents as "imposters," consider well the law and the testimony, and repeat with the Prophet Isaiah, "If they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."

A. B.

PRESIDENT LYMAN'S CONTINENTAL TOUR.

President Francis M. Lyman leaves Liverpool to-morrow, Friday, the 28th inst., on his way to Continental Europe, where he goes for a tour of all the Conferences. He will be accompanied by Sister Lyman and will probably remain abroad until some time in September. That the trip will be an enjoyable one from every standpoint, is quite certain, and that the Saints and Elders on the Continent will gladly welcome to their midst their new president, is only to be expected judging from past experience.

Following is President Lyman's itinerary for meetings and Conferences in the Swiss and German Missions, the same having been arranged by President Arnold H. Schulthess: Basel, Friday July 5th; Bern, Sunday the 7th; Luzern, Tuesday the 9th; Zurich, Sunday the 14th; Stuttgart, Wednesday

the 17th; Frankfurt, a.m. Sunday the 21st; Coln, Monday the 22nd; Leipzig, Tuesday the 23rd; Dresden, Wednesday the 24th; Berlin, Sunday the 28th; Konigsberg, Wednesday the 31st; Hamburg, Sunday, August 4th. Other appointments will be made later on.

During President Lyman's absence, we expect to be able to present to the readers of the STAR, a series of letters dealing with his travels, the meetings held, and the success attending them, all of which will doubtless prove highly interesting. The STAR wishes Brother and Sister Lyman a pleasant journey and a safe return, and trusts that in their meetings, the spirit of the Lord may rest mightily upon them, to the strengthening and encouragement of all the Saints and Elders with whom they may come in contact.

A. B.

SOMETHING dreadful has happened in New York, as witness the following cabled to the English papers last Sunday:

"Three women, converts to Mormonism, were publicly baptized by the Mormon Elders in the bay to-day. The ceremony was witnessed by a none too orderly crowd of spectators, who made uncomplimentary references to the followers of Brigham Young. The converts were wreathed with flowers and robed in white, and after an anthem had been sung were immersed from a float, which was anchored in the bay. More immersions are promised in a day or two."

Think of it! Three women actually converted to "Mormonism!" And in a city like New York, where reigns some of the leading theological lights of two centuries. Surely something must be wrong that such conduct should be tolerated. No wonder the crowd made uncomplimentary references to them! No wonder the baptisms created some degree of consternation! For the idea of people in this enlightened age lending themselves to such practices as those taught by our Savior and His Apostles is so foreign to Christian ethics of the present day as to bring down a storm of indignation. And more are to follow! Surely New York is degenerating.

DISASTER IN WEST VIRGINIA.—News of an appalling disaster, attended, it is feared, with great loss of life, comes from West Virginia, U.S.A. Reports say that a dozen towns and villages in the vicinity of Pocahontas have been swept away through the bursting of a dam, which gave way at a late hour last Saturday night. Thousands are said to have been rendered homeless, and property estimated at two to three million dollars is the extent of the damage done. Other reports state that the flood was caused by a cloudburst. The towns affected are in a coal mining district.

THE address of the Bristol Conference has been changed to No. 20 Great Norwood Street, Cheltenham.

RELEASES.—The following Elders have been honorably released to return home as indicated: President William B. Baker of the Irish Conference, Martin C. Rigby of the Manchester, Joseph H. Bodily and Peter C. Droubay

of the Birmingham, per s.s. *New England*, sailing from Liverpool, July 4th; Arthur E. White and Cyrus W. Gold of the Sheffield, and Richard E. Davis of the Welsh, per s.s. *Commonwealth*, sailing July 18th; Parley F. Smith of the Newcastle, per s.s. *New England*, sailing August 1st.

APPOINTMENT.—Elder George A. Dixon has been appointed to preside over the Irish Conference.

TRANSFERS.—Elders Joseph Davis and Heber C. Parker have been transferred from the London to the Welsh and Liverpool Conferences respectively. Elder Thomas B. Wheelwright of the Manchester has been transferred to the Leeds Conference. Elder James R. Cooper of the Birmingham Conference has been transferred to the Sheffield.

ABSTRACT OF CORRESPONDENCE.

WRITING from the Cardston House, Alta, Canada, under date of the 4th inst., our worthy friend, Mr. John Thompson of Cardiff, Wales, expresses himself as follows:

"I have great pleasure in informing you that I reached Cardston on Friday night last, having received an invitation from those good people, Mr. and Mrs. Card. I must say they are the cream of all I have met in Canada. I arrived in time to witness the commemoration of Brigham Young's one hundredth birthday, and had an enjoyable time. I also had the pleasure of their services on Sunday morning and afternoon, and at night had to occupy the time myself to a very large and mixed congregation. I did so with great freedom. I am also to deliver a public lecture to-night at the people's request, when we expect a good congregation. My subject will be 'Materialism and Immaterialism.' Remember me kindly to all the Elders, and please inform them that I am quite taken up with the 'Mormon' settlement, as it offers many advantages. I purpose visiting Ogden and Salt Lake City, leaving here on Thursday. I am now fully satisfied that those who will live Godly have every opportunity amongst your people, and before I return I expect to be a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I intend visiting Jackson county also, in my travels. Mrs. Card desires me to inform you that she has just returned from Utah and left her mother (Sister Zina D. H. Young) in perfect health. All here join me in sending kind love and best wishes."

A LETTER from President Platte D. Lyman, dated Boston, June 14th, states that the company leaving here on the 6th inst. arrived O.K., after a perfect trip, so far as weather and treatment were concerned. There was a little sea-sickness en route, but nothing to speak of, and all seemed to enjoy the voyage fairly well. President Naisbitt went on to Maryland, while Presidents Lyman, McMurrin, Thompson and several others, had concluded to tarry a day or so in the vicinity of Boston and New York.

Under date of the 19th inst., President Frederick A. Mitchell of the Newcastle Conference writes of the progress attending the labors of the Elders in that district. He says:

"I have just returned from a trip to Middlesboro' and Stockton, where I have been since last Friday. I must say I have had an enjoyable time, and am pleased to report that on last Friday evening there were added to the fold twenty-one new members by baptism, five of whom are residents of the Stockton and sixteen of the Middlesboro' districts; also on the 22nd and 30th ults., four new members—two each time—were added by baptism in the Carlisle district.

"We had a delightful time last Sunday evening at Middlesboro', when the hall was filled with Saints and friends who had gathered to say farewell to Elder Andrew J. Poulsen, who has labored in the Middlesboro' district for nearly a year and eight months. Elder Poulsen has earned the goodwill of many in his untiring efforts to spread the Gospel among the people, as has also Elder David Penman, who leaves for his home in Zion, after upwards of twenty-eight months spent chiefly in the Carlisle district. The work is progressing in this part of the Lord's vineyard."

President Brigham Y. Benson of the Leeds Conference, writes:

"Everything seems to be working for the good of the cause in this section. The way is opening up to new investigators and we can see and hear of good results coming from our district meetings held here May 26th. We baptized eleven persons on Saturday the 8th inst., and many friends and investigators witnessed the ordinance, and were also present to witness the confirmations. The weather has been rather unfavorable for outdoor work, but we have hopes that conditions will improve in the near future."

BIRMINGHAM CONFERENCE.

The Birmingham Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, convened on Sunday, June 23, 1901, in Wretham Road Assembly Rooms, at 10:30 a.m., President Joseph J. Daynes, Jr., presiding.

There were present: President Francis M. Lyman and wife; President Neils P. Aagard of the Welsh Conference; President George Q. Morris and Elders Jacob Robertson and Heber C. Parker of the London Conference; President Seth Pixton of the Norwich Conference; Elder Joseph E. Moyle of the Bristol Conference, and a great many Saints from outlying districts.

Singing. Prayer by Elder George H. Sperry. Singing.

President Daynes made a short address of welcome, and expressed the hope that we should enjoy a Pentecostal feast.

President Seth Pixton of the Norwich Conference spoke of his labors in Birmingham, the organization of the holy Priesthood, and bore his testimony to the restoration of the Gospel.

Singing. Sacrament was administered by Elders Arthur N. Taylor and William H. Smith.

President Lyman said it was expedient that we should meet often to worship the Lord, and to partake of the sacrament. He cited Paul's

epistle to the Corinthians on the condemnation of those who partook of it unworthily.

The general authorities of the Church were then unanimously sustained, together with Francis M. Lyman as President of the European Mission and Joseph J. Daynes, Jr., as President of the Birmingham Conference. The Elders of the Conference were assigned to their respective districts as follows: Birmingham—William J. Startup, Arthur N. Taylor, William H. Smith and Joseph H. Crump. Northampton—John H. Hobson and David J. Brown. Coventry—John E. Lunt and Samuel A. Newman. Worcester—William Checketts and Walter J. Kelly. Wolverhampton and Walsall—George Perkins, William D. Roberts, David L. Dowding and Thomas H. Lewis. Lye—Arthur D. Challis and Benjamin Williams. Kidderminster—George H. Sperry and Samuel C. Howard. These were unanimously sustained.

The statistical report for the past six months was read as follows: Branches, 3. Missionaries from Zion—Seventies, 22. Local Priesthood—Elders, 19; Priests, 10; Teachers, 9; Deacons, 5; members, 347; total officers and members, exclusive of missionaries from Zion, 390; children under 8 years of age, 99; total number of souls, 489. Tracts distributed, 27,403. Books distributed, 794. Strangers' houses visited—with first tract only, 6,947; by invitation, 1,672. Gospel conversations, 3,572. Meetings held—indoors, 479; out-doors, 92. Baptized, 36. Children blessed, 19. Emigrated, 13. Died, 3. Removed, 1. New subscribers for the STAR, 7.

Choir sang the anthem, "Abide with me." Benediction by President Lyman.

2:30 p.m. Singing. Prayer by Elder Arthur N. Taylor. Singing.

President Neils P. Aagard of the Welsh Conference then spoke of the atonement of Christ and the first principles of the Gospel.

Elder Peter G. Droubay dwelt upon humility as a necessary feature of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Singing.

Elder Joseph H. Bodily bore testimony to the Gospel being the power of God unto salvation.

President Lyman next spoke, dealing with the plan of life and salvation, and the fact that mankind were called upon to obey its laws and requirements. "We do not worship Joseph Smith, Brigham Young, nor any other man, but Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior."

Choir sang the anthem, "Turn Thy face from my sins." Benediction by President Seth Pixton.

6:30 p.m. Singing. Prayer by Elder William J. Startup. Singing.

President George Q. Morris of the London Conference spoke of the unity of purpose among Saints of the Most High.

President Lyman said mankind would be blessed for their acts of righteousness, and judged by the light they had received. The promise was that if the human family would do the will of the Father they should know of the doctrine whether it was of God or whether man spoke of himself.

Choir sang the anthem, "I will fear no evil." Benediction by President Lyman.

On Monday, June 24, a Priesthood meeting was held in Hunter Vale Chapel, where a good spirit prevailed and all the Elders gave very encouraging reports, and received excellent instructions.

On Monday evening, June 24, an entertainment was given, where selections, both vocal and instrumental, were finely rendered. Mr. Wm. Tylar of Birmingham, gave an interesting lecture, illustrated with limelight views, entitled, "A trip to Salt Lake City and return in 40 minutes." Mr. Tylar spoke very highly of the "Mormons," telling what a hospitable, kind, generous and benevolent people they were. He is a man of influence and prominence in Birmingham, and made his trip in 1893. The house, which has a capacity of three hundred, was filled to overflowing, and many had to stand up.

This was one of the best Conferences ever held in Birmingham.

WILLIAM J. STARTUP, Clerk of Conference.

CONFERENCE MEETINGS IN HOLLAND.

THROUGH the kindness of President Sylvester Q. Cannon of the Holland Mission, we are privileged to present to our readers the following interesting report of the meetings recently held in that section:

"ON Thursday evening, the 13th inst., President and Sister Lyman arrived safely in Rotterdam from Grimsby, well content to set foot upon land again after a long and stormy passage across the North Sea. The same evening President Arnold H. Schulthess arrived from the German Mission.

"A visit was made to the Mission office on Friday, and in the afternoon of the same day a party consisting of President and Sister Lyman, President Schulthess, Elder Henry De Bry, President of the Rotterdam Conference, and the writer, took the train for Amsterdam, where we arrived after a very pleasant ride through a picturesque part of Holland. After resting for some time at the home of one of the Saints, all walked a short distance to a large, nice hall, which had been secured for a special meeting. This was excellently attended, about 250 persons being present, among whom were many strangers. During the entire meeting of about two hours, there was good order and attention, and a splendid spirit prevailed. Especially the remarks made by President Lyman in the English and translated by Elder De Bry into the Dutch language, were listened to with eagerness and much satisfaction. The power which accompanied his words, though quiet, was very penetrating, while the authority by which he spoke was clearly manifest to all. After the meeting the privilege was granted all who desired to shake hands with Brother Lyman, and this was very generally accepted.

"Saturday morning a drive through the principal streets of that very interesting city was made, and then we boarded the train for our return journey. At The Hague a stop was made and various points of interest there visited; notably the 'House in the Woods,' formerly the residence of the Princess of Orange, and of the late Queen Sophie of Holland, but principally of note for the meetings of the International Peace Congress

held there. A short visit was made to Scheveningen, the famous sea-bathing resort, after which the journey to Rotterdam was resumed.

"A General Conference of the Netherlands Mission, including Belgium, was held on Sunday, the 16th of June, at which all the Elders laboring in the Mission were present. Three meetings were held during the day. The first two meetings in the hall 'Excelsior,' seating three hundred persons, were well attended, almost every seat being occupied. The evening meeting was held in the hall 'Caledonia,' where there was an attendance of four hundred and twenty-five, of whom almost one-fourth were strangers. In the afternoon and evening meetings all were greatly edified and instructed by discourses from President Lyman, whose remarks were accompanied with a spirit, unmistakable in its power. There was a grand, united spirit in all the meetings, which was shown by the general expressions of happiness and contentment, and, doubtless, the effect of this conference will be felt in every direction, for greater unity and endeavors for the progress of the work.

"Monday morning a Priesthood meeting of the thirty-two Elders laboring in the Mission was held, which proved to be a time of great profit and rejoicing, and had the result of inducing in all the determination to greater efforts. Assuredly this whole Conference was a spiritual feast of fat things. The fatherly, wise counsel of our beloved President was just that which was necessary for the more perfect obedience to the commandments of the Gospel, and for the greater development and advancement of the missionaries in their important calling.

"On Tuesday President Schulthess departed for Germany, after a sojourn which has been of profit and pleasure to us, and the same evening Apostle and Sister Lyman left for Liverpool *via* Grimsby. Their visit, which has been of inestimable good, is warmly appreciated, and in their voyage they are accompanied by our fervent prayers for their continued health, prosperity, and all the choicest blessings of the Lord."

No great achievements are wrought by accident. They are the result of thoughtful planning and deliberate action. Whether it be the building of the smallest machine or the construction of a locomotive, a plan must be conceived before the work is undertaken. Otherwise, unforeseen obstacles would delay progress, and, perhaps, prevent ultimate success. Haphazard effort in any line cannot bring the best results, and it may bring failure. Every man should outline his work and stick to his plan, as far as circumstances will allow. It is the daily attempting of some specific task and the accomplishment of it before sundown that forms a successful career.

THE way to get the best there is in people is to give them your best. Don't expect others to be sweet and polite and thoughtful so long as you adhere to the selfish principle that people must "take you as they find you." When your friends begin to grow careless and disrespectful, stop and ask yourself whether you are not getting back a reflection of yourself. A young wife complained to her husband that he smoked in her presence. "You never used to do it," she said. "No," was the significant rejoinder, "and you never used to wear curl-papers in mine."—*The Lookout.*

DURING last year the voluntary hospitals and medical charities of the city of London relieved over 1,600,000 patients, at a cost of nearly a million sterling. Their total income of every description amounted to £50,000 less than the actual expenditure.

BEAUTIFUL SALTAIR.

Where the radiant rays of splendor,
Light the softening twilight's glimmer
In the glory of the west;
Where God's rugged mountains, render
Praises, as the sun grows dimmer
Nestling deeper in their crest.

Murky-clad, sublime, eternal,
Grand and mighty Oquirrh's ranges,
Cleave amain the starlit skies.
Silver Luna's light empyreal
Blends with opal twilight's changes,
As it fades away and dies.

Th' sacred seagull in its eyrie
Drowsy grown from wavy whisperings,
Folds its snowy wings to sleep;
Emerald waves that ne'er grow weary,
In their never-ending lispings
Everlasting vigils keep.

Pealing music's joyful cadence,
Flaunts like myriad golden lances,
'Gainst the mellowing evening air
Flitting forms of youths and maidens—
Souls enwrapped—in graceful dances
Holds us at thy shrine, Saltair.

Oh, the sweet, transplendent pleasure,
Of the waving, tossing waters,
At Saltair, sublime, so fair;
Oh, beloved and gracious treasure,
Well may Utah's sons and daughters,
Worship at thy shrine, Saltair.

GEORGE H. IMBRIE in the *Deseret News*.

DIED.

TUCKER.—In the Second Ward, Salt Lake City, June 5th, 1901, of apoplexy, Stephen Tucker; born in Ogbourne, Wiltshire, England, January 27th, 1831; joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1851, and settled in Utah in 1862.

CAFFALL.—At his residence in Salt Lake City, June 9th, 1901, of general debility, Richard John Caffall; born at Richmansworth, Herts, England, Sept. 14, 1819.

DRAPER.—In Salt Lake City, June 16, 1901, of cancer, Isabella Wilson, wife of Albert E. Draper of Pocatello, Idaho; aged 31 years, 5 months and 17 days. Deceased emigrated from Newport, Middlesboro, England, where her mother now resides. Burial at Lewiston, Cache County.

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